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Second Chapter of Hanford Story Released to Public

Agency Launches Web Page Dedicated to The Hanford Story

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Department of Energy is releasing the second chapter of The Hanford Story today to the public. “Groundwater” explains how more than 100 square miles of groundwater under the Hanford Site in southeast Washington State became contaminated and what workers are doing to restore groundwater to its highest beneficial use.

The Department has also launched a [page](#) on its [website](#) dedicated to the Hanford Story. Discussion questions and fact sheets are also being developed to go along with the video chapters that are posted on the Web page.

The Hanford Story is a multimedia presentation that provides an overview of the Hanford Site—its history, today’s cleanup activities, and a glimpse into the possibilities of future uses of the 586-square-mile government site in southeast Washington State. The Department of Energy is delivering The Hanford Story in a series of video-based chapters dedicated to telling the multi-faceted story of the site, including:

- The history of producing plutonium
- Impacts to the environment resulting from producing plutonium
- Progress being made in cleanup of the site
- Innovative technologies and solutions being used in cleanup activities
- Future uses of the Hanford Site

In addition to posting the second chapter of The Hanford Story on YouTube and the Hanford website, the video, along with several other chapters, will be available for display in a mobile kiosk in the coming months.

Representatives of the Department of Energy and its contractors are available to show the video to groups and answer questions. To request a speaker or kiosk visit to your location, contact our Hanford Site Speakers Bureau on the Hanford [website](#), by email at HSB@rl.gov, or by calling (509) 376-6968.

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